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Note: The information above contains the downgrade rights for the most commonly acquired systems EULAs. For downgrade provisions for other systems licenses, please consult the EULA for the software in question.

Q&A

Q. I have Microsoft Office XP, but only Microsoft Office 2003 Edition licenses are on the price list. My business currently has machines that have Office XP installed. What license do I need to buy to be able to run Office XP on new machines I will be purchasing?

A. If you buy the Microsoft Office 2003 Edition license through a Microsoft Volume Licensing program, you may use any prior version of the software in place of the version you order, including Office XP

Q. We are currently using Microsoft SQL Server 7.0. We need to allow Internet access to our Microsoft SQL Server server computer, and the Microsoft SQL Internet Connector is no longer available. What do we do?

A. Acquire a SQL Server 2000 per-processor license for the server machine that will be accessed over the Internet. When you do that, you are governed by the applicable Product Use Rights for that product. These use rights will continue to be applicable to how to use the product, even if you choose to downgrade to a previous version of Microsoft SQL Server. What this means for you is that the rights associated with the Microsoft SQL Server 2000 per-processor license that allow anyone, from anywhere, at any time, to access the Microsoft SQL Server data on that server would still be applicable even if you are using downgraded SQL Server 7.0 software bits on the server machine. Even though this option did not exist with SQL Server 7.0, by licensing the current product and using the current Product Use Rights and the applicable downgrade rights, you can run SQL Server 7.0 in this manner. This holds true for any new product acquired under the current Product Use Rights and downgrade rights associated with Microsoft Volume License agreements.

Q. Can I downgrade my OEM version of Microsoft Windows XP Professional to Windows 98 (Second Edition)?

A. Yes. OEM Downgrade Rights for desktop operating systems apply to Windows XP Professional only. Please note, OEM downgrade versions of Windows XP Professional are limited to Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional, Microsoft Windows NT Workstation 4.0, and Microsoft Windows 98 (Second Edition). End users can use the following media for their downgrade: Volume Licensing media (provided the end user has a Volume Licensing agreement), Retail (FPP), or System Builder hologram CD (provided the software is acquired in accordance with the Microsoft OEM System Builder License). The downgrade operating system is governed by the Windows XP Professional EULA, and the end user cannot use both the downgrade operating system and Windows XP Professional.

Q. If I have Microsoft Office Professional Enterprise Edition 2003, what can I downgrade to?

A. Downgrade rights in the Volume Licensing programs provide customers with the right to downgrade to any prior version of the same product. Therefore, Microsoft Office Professional Enterprise 2003 can be downgraded to the Microsoft Office XP, 2000, 97, 95, or 4.3 versions. You would not, however, be able to downgrade to Microsoft Office Standard Edition 2003 as that is a different product and not considered a previous version of Microsoft Office Professional Enterprise Edition 2003.

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